

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 14 of 2015

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 13 minutes; and

WHEREAS, there has been an overall increase in the suicide rate in our country among people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, nearly 5 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,300 Pennsylvanians each year – an average of 3.5 lives each day; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24, third among males, second among females; and

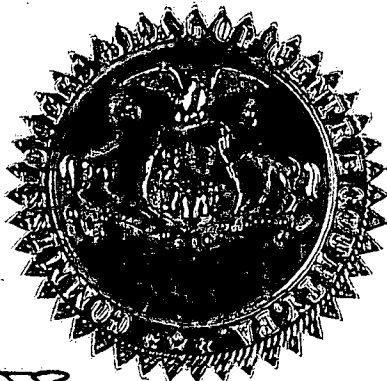
WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable;

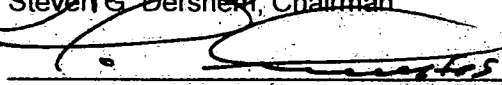
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 10th as "Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" and the month of September as "Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month", and urges all citizens to spread the word that suicide is a preventable public health problem.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2015.



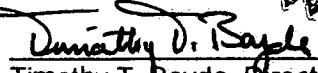
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